



The West Springfield **SHIELD**



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FAIRFAX COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

CALLERS MAY
REMAIN
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1-866-411-TIPS

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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Bill Uehling

Along with Arnie Daxe, our CAC Secretary, I am one of the two West Springfield representatives to the Chief's Advisory Council. I have lived in this area for the last twenty five years where I retired from the U.S. Marine Corps. My interest in the CAC started as the representative from the Kings Park Civic Association. The Neighborhood Watch and the CAC, both have the benefits of improving of our community through the concept of "Community Policing." This process helps to bring together the Civic Associations, Businesses, Places of Worship, Libraries, and other community activities to eliminate negative influences and champion the positive influences in our society. Better communication and understanding of our rights and responsibilities is a key element in this process. We are responsible for our environment and can make a difference in keeping it a safe and rewarding place to live. Whether it be gang issues, traffic congestion, road improvements, home safety, response time for police, minority participation, county ordinances or big time crime, our police force is needed and we need to work with them in this vital mission. Please join us at the West Springfield Station to learn how you can be more aware and involved. Come visit us on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00. All are welcome to our informative meetings.

Secretary Arnold Daxe, Jr.

Arnie Daxe, a 15 year resident of Longwood Knolls subdivision off Lee Chapel Road, has been associated with the West Springfield District Station for the past 13 years, first as the Neighborhood Watch coordinator and four time sponsor of the National Night Out celebration and recently as an active member of the Citizens' Advisory Council. Arnie started a crime prevention email group in his community and now sends security and fire safety information to about 100 families in Longwood Knolls. Arnie retired from the U.S. Army in 1992 after a successful career as a Military Police Officer and recently was employed by the World Bank Group as a senior security consultant. He received his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from CCNY and is an FBI National Academy graduate. He is also Certified Protection Professional (CPP) granted by the American Society of Industrial Security and is currently the Chair, Health & Safety committee for the Patriot District, BSA. Arnie has a lifetime interest in law enforcement and neighborhood security and is a supporter of the Virginia Crime Prevention Association.

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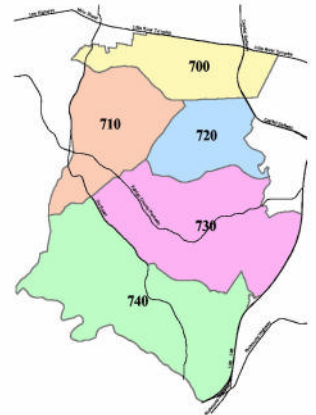
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News Briefs for the Month April 2008

Special Delivery

Officer Syed Ahmed's day dramatically changed in seconds while on routine patrol, Tuesday, April 1 at 1 p.m., in the area of Braddock Road and Inverchapel Road when he was flagged down by an expectant father. The officer and father prepared for the delivery and moments later the 36-year-old mother delivered a baby girl. Mother and daughter were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Man Exposes Himself in Fairfax Station Area

Police have released a composite sketch of a man wanted in reference to an indecent exposure at the Sun Splash Tanning store at 5622 Ox Road on Friday, April 4 around 2:25 p.m. The victim, a Midlothian, Virginia woman, was working at the front counter when a man walked in and sat down. A short time later, he opened his jacket, began masturbating then fled. The suspect was described as black, in his 20s. He was approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall with black hair and brown eyes.



Sobriety Checkpoint Results

On Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 11:00 p.m. until 2 a.m., Fairfax County Police Officers conducted a sobriety checkpoint to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers. Approximately 893 motorists were stopped in the 7600 block of Old Keene Mill Road. There was one arrest made for DWI. Four traffic summonses were issued: one for no operator's license, one for reckless driving, one for driving on a suspended operator's license and one for a DWI-related suspended operator's license.

Police Investigate Bank Robbery in Annandale Area

Employees of the Alliance Bank, at 7023 Little River Turnpike, were robbed on Thursday, April 17 around 11:50 a.m. Two men pointed guns at the employees, demanded money and fled in a mini-van with an undisclosed amount of cash. The vehicle was found abandoned nearby. No one was injured.

News Briefs continued..

UPDATE—Man Robbed and Shot in Lorton Area —UPDATE

Police have arrested one suspect, Rico Wallace Hicks, 20, of Forestville, Maryland. On April 10th, Hicks was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with robbery, malicious wounding and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, in connection with the incident on February 3.

*****Original Report*****

A 49-year-old man was robbed at gunpoint on Sunday, February 3 at approximately 5:05 p.m. The man had parked his car and was walking in the 8100 block of Gilroy Drive when he was approached by two men with guns. The victim handed over his wallet and other personal items and the two armed men fled the scene in a large, older model light blue vehicle. The victim notified his family then got into a dark blue SUV and attempted to follow the suspects. When he pulled next to the suspect vehicle near the intersection of Silverbrook Road and Lorton Road, one of the suspects allegedly shot the victim in the upper body. The victim drove home and called police. He was later hospitalized for his injuries.

UPDATE —Victim Recants Sexual Assault Claim—Update

Police arrested Cristina Arotoma-Quispe 18, on April 28 for filing a false police report when she claimed to have been raped on April 24 . An investigation revealed she allegedly made up the incident, including the threats to her infant daughter.

*****Original Report*****

An 18-year-old woman was raped in the 6200 block of Dana Ave. on April 24. She was walking with her 3-month-old daughter in Commerce Plaza around 7:55 p.m., when a man armed with a handgun forced her to the rear of a nearby residence. The suspect threatened the baby, raped the victim then fled.

NEW CRIME SOLVER TECHNOLOGY

With the recent creation of their new website, Fairfax County Crime Solvers has tapped into the latest technology available for receiving anonymous tips. Tipsters may now give their information via texting or e-mail using state-of-the-art software purchased through Anderson Software. Texting is a popular form of communication for the younger generation and Fairfax County Crime Solvers hopes to open that line of communication with them. Previously, tipsters were limited to calling a phone number. This new software opens the door for Crime Solver programs and interfaces these newer forms of communication with tip-taking. It enables tipsters to communicate through a secure server that blocks their identity. Thus, tipsters are able to relay vital information from anywhere they can send text or e-mail messages and at any time. In addition, their new website provides current information on wanted persons, news releases, suspects caught in the act and upcoming events. This site is continually updated. It was designed with the user in mind and provides a means to stay current with the latest efforts of the Crime Solvers Board. Fairfax County Crime Solvers is the first in the Washington Metropolitan region to implement this new texting and e-mail software. Other programs in the nation that currently use it have seen a sharp increase in the number of tips received. Fairfax County Crime Solvers is a non-profit 501C3 organization comprised of business leaders and citizens throughout the area. They provide a venue for those with knowledge of a criminal act to report information without the fear of retaliation. Their tip lines are protected under law. The Fairfax County Crime Solvers' Board of Directors invites you to visit their new website at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org Those who wish to report information may now utilize one of the three methods available:

- By phone – Call 1-866-411-TIPS/8477 and follow the voice prompts to Fairfax County
- By e-mail – visit www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org and click on the secure link to communicate back and forth.
- By texting – Text “TIP187” plus your message to CRIMES/274637

DIAL 2-1-1

On Monday, February 11, 2008 the human services information and referral number “211” officially went live in Northern Virginia. The Virginia Department of Social Services contracted with the Council of Community Services in Roanoke, Virginia, as the prime contractor for 211 in Virginia, who in turn has contracted with CrisisLink in Arlington, VA to provide service for all of Northern Virginia.

CrisisLink will be answering calls placed to 211 from 8am to 9pm, Monday through Friday. The Council of Community Services in Roanoke, VA will be answering Northern Virginia calls from 9pm to midnight, Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to midnight. Both organizations will be providing basic information and referral using a state-wide database to search for resources.

This new service will supplement the more extensive client case work currently provided by Coordinated Service Planning (CSP) through our local 703-222-0880 number. CSP connects callers to assistance with basic needs and links them to public and community resources. In contrast to most 211 services, CSP takes basic information and referral to the next level. For callers with basic needs, CSP establishes client cases in a database (ASSIST) and conducts in-depth client assessments and develops service care plans. Client needs and outcomes are tracked and historical information is maintained to more effectively work with callers who request future services. For a few examples, CSP puts together rental packages to prevent evictions, coordinates financial assistance to have emergency prescriptions filled, and completes screenings for entry into homeless family shelters versus providing a number.



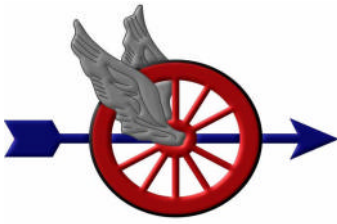
DON'T BE A PARTY TO **TEENAGE
DRINKING.
IT'S AGAINST THE LAW.**

**KEEP KIDS SAFE!
Don't Provide Alcohol to Youth
Under the Age of 21!**

**The countywide Initiative to reduce Underage
Drinking is endorsed by Fairfax County Public
Schools and Fairfax County government.**

Call 703-691-2131, TTY 771 to report underage parties to the police.

Contact 571-423-4270 for further information



FAIRFAX COUNTY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC
DIVISION

**Yearly fatal crash
totals:**

**To date, there have
been**

7

**Persons Killed in
Crashes on
Our Roadways!**



**HELP REDUCE
INJURIES RESULTING
FROM CRASHES.
WEAR YOUR SAFETY
BELTS!**



LAW OF THE MONTH:

County Code pertaining to BB, Airsoft and Paintball Guns

Police Officers often are asked about people shooting BB guns, Airsoft guns or Paintball guns in wooded areas. While there are always exceptions, the general rule is that you can not shoot anything, anywhere in Fairfax County. For full details of the code, please refer to <http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10051&sid=46>

County Code Section 6-1-1. Definitions

Firearm means any gun which will, or is designed to, or may be readily converted to, expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of any explosive; provided, that stud nailing guns, rivet guns and similar construction equipment neither designed nor intended as weapons, shall not be deemed firearms.

Gun means a firearm or pneumatic gun or other similar device designed and intended to expel a projectile through a barrel of any length by means of explosive, expansion or release of compressed gas or compressed air or action of a spring mechanism

Pneumatic gun means any implement, designed as a gun, that will expel a BB or a pellet by action of pneumatic pressure; it includes a paintball gun that expels by action of pneumatic pressure plastic balls filled with paint for the purpose of marking the point of impact

County Code Section 6-1-2. Hunting or discharge of firearms in certain places prohibited; exceptions.

a) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot any gun in any areas of the County which are so heavily populated as to make such conduct dangerous. ..

County Code Section 6-1-2.1. Discharge of pneumatic guns in certain places prohibited; exceptions

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6-1-2, a person may discharge a pneumatic gun on a parcel of land containing at least one acre of land in an area designated for the discharge of firearms or other guns.....

.....no person shall discharge any such pneumatic gun within 100 yards of a public school ground or a public park, and no person shall traverse a public school ground, or a public park while in possession of a pneumatic gun.....

.....Whenever any minor below the age of 16 uses any pneumatic gun, the minor must be supervised by a parent, guardian, or other adult supervisor approved by the minor's parent or guardian. Any minor using any pneumatic gun shall be responsible for obeying all laws, regulations and restrictions governing such use at all times.....

FCPD QUESTIONS FOR YOU

By John Bauer, VIPS

DO YOU KNOW:

What the Crime Prevention Office does?

That you can get a free crime prevention inspection for your home?

What Neighborhood Watch is and how you can establish one?

What the West Springfield SHIELD is and how you can get one?

The Crime Prevention Office and the officers who staff it wear many hats. These are dedicated police officers who still enforce the law on the street, but their main assignment is to educate the public on the many ways to prevent home, business and personal crime. Each district station has a crime prevention office. Most stations have two officers assigned and they are backed up by numerous volunteers who are either Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) or Auxiliary Police Officers (APOs).

A primary function of the office is to maintain a library of hundreds of brochures and booklets on crime prevention which are handed out free to the public. These include information on scams, identity and auto theft, internet and personal safety for adults and children, traffic safety pamphlets, DUI information, coloring books for younger community members, information for seniors and a host of other subjects. Brochures are printed in English and a variety of foreign languages prevalent in the community. Crime prevention officers set up displays at fun fairs, neighborhood watch meetings and other public gatherings. They have large displays at Celebrate Fairfax and the Burke Centre Festival.

Another function of the crime prevention office is to conduct free home inspections for apartment and condo residents and homeowners. A call to the crime prevention office at 703-644-5026 will enable citizens to set up an appointment to have a police officer visit their premises. The officer has a check list which contains many items of importance to the security of the residence. At the completion of the inspection, the officer will tell the citizen about any items which need attention. Things like trimming bushes, strengthening door jams, replacing locks, improving lighting, installing window pins and "Charlie Bars" go a long way to deter burglars. Surprisingly, some of these precautions can cost as little as 30 cents. A similar inspection is offered to businesses with emphasis on fraud, loss, robbery prevention, lighting, premise security and other issues relevant to operation of a business.

The crime prevention office is responsible for the Neighborhood Watch Program. Community members and homeowners associations who have an interest in the security of their areas band together and establish a program for their neighborhood. These groups must go through a short training course given by the crime prevention officers. They are supplied with all the information needed to help make their neighborhood undesirable for criminal activities of all sorts. At the completion of training, the neighborhood receives a neighborhood watch sign which is installed at the entrance to the community. This sign serves as a warning that the residents are on watch for any type of crime or suspicious activity.

The West Springfield SHIELD newsletter is published monthly by the crime prevention office. This newsletter is full of valuable information concerning law enforcement in the county generally and the West Springfield district in particular. There are various features such as the law of the month, a calendar of upcoming events, crime bulletins and other articles. The SHIELD is available free via electronic distribution. To subscribe, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter. You can select to be placed on the mailing list or download the newsletter of your choice. No personal information is collected.

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ATTENTION SENIORS: **FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE WANTS YOU**

The Police Department is reaching out to county residents over 55 years of age, who are interested in serving on new Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (SALT) councils. These groups will serve the important function of helping to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and this fast-growing demographic.

The focus of the new councils will be to enhance law enforcement's response to crime-related issues experienced or feared by older residents. The Police Department wants to hear first-hand from older residents about any of their unmet needs and quality of life issues. It is anticipated that these councils will play an important role in helping guide police department programs and policies.

Potential members should be willing to express their concerns about crime issues and may be asked to help share police-related information with their peers. The councils will be based in local police districts, with meeting times and spaces to be coordinated with local district officers. Police plan a training component to the councils to help new members better understand the police department and its function in the community.

The Fairfax County Police Department places a high priority on meeting needs of the senior community and welcomes them into their planning process. For more information on SALT councils, or to volunteer, call 703/246-4564. or contact your local crime prevention officer.

Schedule of Events

CAC

Monthly Meeting

1st Tuesday

7:30 p.m.

**6140 Rolling Road
Springfield, Virginia
22152**

Neighborhood Watch

Coordinators Mtg.

7:30 p.m.

May 19th

**Daventy Community
Center**

**7721 Painted Daisy
Springfield VA
&**

June 16th

**Annandale Neighbor-
hood Center**

**4700 Medford Dr
Annandale VA**

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Auxiliary Police Officers (APOs) receive many of their assignments from the crime prevention office. These volunteers are sworn and have the same powers as a paid police officer. There are some restrictions to their activities and although they do not carry a hand gun, they are trained in its use and are trained and authorized to use a shotgun if necessary. Shotguns are carried in each patrol car. Some of the activities of APOs are traffic control for parades, fairs, school functions, store openings, and at intersections with failed traffic lights. They also conduct home and business security surveys, participate in crime prevention information displays, provide active patrol in marked police vehicles and many other functions which take some of the load off of paid officers. If you are interested in becoming an auxiliary police officer, you can obtain complete details by contacting the Auxiliary Coordinator at 703-280-0576 or Auxiliarypolice@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The crime prevention office participates in the Citizens Advisory Council meetings, providing the group with the latest information about police activities in the community and offering suggestions about crime prevention for home and business. These meetings are held at the West Springfield District Station on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM. There are no meetings in July or August. Any citizen is welcome to attend these meetings. Citizens will have the opportunity to meet with the officials of the station directly and will be able to express any concerns they have to those in charge. Meetings are free of charge, informative and there is no obligation to join anything.

The crime prevention office is a busy and fun place to work. There are always interesting assignments and everyone gets a lot of satisfaction from working with the public.

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Fairfax County has adopted regulations to promote public health, safety and general welfare. These regulations are enforced by different agencies within the county. To view a brochure that lists the most common neighborhood issues and the agencies responsible for addressing them please visit:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/faqs/concerns.htm>

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV

By working together we can keep our neighborhoods vibrant, clean and wonderful places in which to live.

To request this information in an alternate format, call the West Springfield Crime Prevention Office at 703-644-5026. TTY 703-204-2264.



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